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21 February 1968

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

Morning Meeting of 21 February 1968

DD/I noted that information gathered early in the Pueblo crisis on the status of North Korean military forces has now been compiled in one document for possible use as a working tool. The Director requested that it be given standard distribution.

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DD/I advised that the memorandum requested by Walt Rostow on future Communist military strategy in Vietnam has been completed and will be coordinated during the day.

Godfrey, noting the explosion in the Soviet Embassy this morning, advised that the Soviets evinced formal concern as recently as yesterday for what they have regarded as inadequate security for their Embassy in Washington.

Godfrey called attention to the serious tension developing in Panama in connection with presidential election maneuvering, and the Director asked that OCI continue its frequency of publication concerning Panama developments.

D/ONE noted that State has now officially requested a special Estimate on security and political prospects in South Vietnam and reported that he discussed the matter with Bill Bundy, who feels the Estimate will be useful. The Director asked that circulation of various preliminary drafts of this Estimate be kept to an absolute minimum.

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[] reported that he has reviewed DDCI's letter to Admiral Lowrance on the CRITIC reaction system and will follow it up by discussing the various issues with Admiral Lowrance.

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Carver referred to a series of reports derived from interrogation of a North Vietnamese army captain captured in Danang which suggest, among other things, that enemy activity in the Khe Sanh area may be a lure to divert allied troops from the cities, where the main enemy thrust purportedly would take place.

Warner noted that Senator Yarborough announced yesterday the creation of a special subcommittee of the Senate Labor and Public Welfare Committee to consider and hold hearings on a bill designed to create a quasi-public corporation to fund the international activities of private voluntary organizations.

The Director thanked Warner for his logistical work for yesterday's testimony before the Senate Appropriations Committee and noted that the hearing had gone well.

X1 Bross reported that [] has abandoned his plan to publish.

The Director concurred in Bross and DD/S&T's suggestion that copies of the OXCART letter requested by Maxwell Taylor on behalf of PFIAB be shown to Dr. Flax and Deputy Secretary Nitze.

DD/S&T reported that the Marine Resources Board meeting had gone well.

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The Director asked Godfrey to ensure that salient items concerning developments in Laos receive attention in OCI publications.

Goodwin inquired whether there was objection to the Foreign Service Journal's publishing [] paper, "A Theorem for Prediction." No objections were put forward.

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ACTION:

1. The Director asked Goodwin to advise him of Max Lerner's thoughts on various issues in preparation for a forthcoming meeting between Lerner and the Director.

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L. K. White

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